



**MINUTES**  
**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE**  
**CITY OF PERTH AMBOY**  
**JUNE 25, 2014**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Perth Amboy was held on Wednesday, June 25, 2014 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Perth Amboy, New Jersey at 7:00 p.m.

Presiding Officer of the Council, Joel Pabon, Sr. advised the audience that notice of this meeting has been filed with the Home News Tribune, The Star Ledger, The Amboy Guardian and posted on the bulletin board in the City Clerk's office and on the City's website, indicating that today's meeting is being held at the Council Chambers, City Hall, at 7:00 p.m.

Council President Pabon: At this time, as a courtesy to the Governing Body, I would ask all individuals present, including members of the audience, to please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices. Should you need to make a telephone call, please go out into the hallway and speak in a low voice so as not to disturb the ongoing meeting.

Invocation was given by Council Member Irizarry who also led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council President Joel Pabon called the meeting to order with the following Council Members present: Kenneth Gonzalez, Fernando Irizarry, Lisa Nanton and William Petrick. Absent--none.

Also present at this meeting were: Jillian Barrick, Assistant Business Administrator, Mark J. Blunda, Esq., Director of Law, and Elaine M. Jasko, City Clerk.

**ORDINANCES – PUBLIC HEARING  
(5 MINUTE MAXIMUM PER SPEAKER/PER ORDINANCE)**

**1. ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC" (ORDINANCE NO. 194-78 AS AMENDED) ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 19, 1978, ALSO KNOWN AS CHAPTER 414 ET SEQ OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY.**

**Re: Stop Sign - Barry Ave (at the intersection of Harned St. and Barry Ave.)**

**One Way – Mary St. (between Harrington St. and Krochmally Ave.)**

**No Parking – Mary St. (east side)**

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez to open public hearing on the above Ordinance and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon. Nay--none. Absent--none.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez to close public hearing on the above Ordinance and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon. Nay--none. Absent--none.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez to adopt the above Ordinance on second and final passage and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon. Nay--none. Absent--none.

**2. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC (ORDINANCE NO. 194-78 AS AMENDED)" ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 19, 1978, ALSO KNOWN AS CHAPTER 414 ET SEQ OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY**

**Re: Limiting parking on Amboy Avenue between Hall Avenue and New Brunswick Avenue.**

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez to open public hearing on the above Ordinance and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon. Nay--none. Absent--none.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Nanton to close public hearing on the above Ordinance and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon. Nay--none. Absent--none.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez to adopt the above Ordinance on second and final passage and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon. Nay--none. Absent--none.

### **3. AN ORDINANCE CREATING AN ARTS COUNCIL.**

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Nanton to open public hearing on the above Ordinance and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon. Nay--none. Absent--none.

Council President asked for comments.

Reinaldo Aviles, 16 Harbor Terr.: I am asking you to please vote for this.

Stan Sierakowski, 659 Charles St.: What is the mandate of this group?

Mark Blunda: The intention is to have participation from the community, representatives from the Bd. of Ed and from the City Council to foster interest in the arts.

Caroline Pozyicky, 264 Water St.: This is an advisory body to bring arts to the city. This is a good thing for the city.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez to close public hearing on the above Ordinance and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon. Nay--none. Absent--none.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Nanton to adopt the above Ordinance on second and final passage and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon. Nay--none. Absent--none.

## AGENDA

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Citizens may address the Council on any matter on the agenda which does not have its own scheduled public hearing. Citizens shall be permitted to speak once for a maximum of five (5) minutes.

### **R-314**

Alan Silber, 244 Rector St.: What is the purpose of this resolution?

Mark Blunda: It's a personnel matter and cannot be discussed in public.

### **Comm. #5**

Reinaldo Aviles, 16 Harbor Terr.: For the record, I never said the Planning or Zoning Boards were not doing their job. The Historic Preservation Commission is being left out of the loop. We don't want to stop development. We just want to be part of the process.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**May 14, 2014 - Closed Session**

**May 28, 2014 - Closed Session**

**May 28, 2014 - Regular**

**June 11, 2014 - Regular**

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Nanton to accept the minutes and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon. Nay--none. Absent--none.

## BIDS

**Bids were received on June 3, 2014 for the following:**

- 1. On-Site Inspection Agencies – Elevator Subcode**
  - a. Municipal Inspection Corp. 49%\*
  - b. EIC Inspection Agency Corp. 50%
  - c. New Jersey Elevator Inspection Agency 50%

**\* Recommendation of Bid Award**

## SOCIAL AFFAIR PERMIT

- 1. United Dominicans of Perth Amboy**  
**950 Florida Grove Rd.**  
**Perth Amboy**  
**Occasion: Dance**  
**Date: July 18, 2014, 8:00 pm to 1:00 am**  
**Location: Our Lady of Fatima Church, 380 Smith Street**

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Nanton to authorize the application and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon. Nay--none. Absent--none.

- 2. Raritan Yacht Club**  
**160 Water Street**  
**Perth Amboy**  
**Occasion: Celebrate the Amboys**  
**Date: July 3, 2014, 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm**  
**Location: Yacht Club, 160 Water Street**

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Nanton to authorize the application and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon. Nay--none. Absent--none.

#### **REPORTS**

**Jill A. Goldy, CFO/Comptroller submitted the following reports:**

- 1. Payroll Disbursements/Deductions – May 2014.**
- 2. Investment Report – May 2014.**
- 3. Water/Wastewater Utility Reports – May 2014.**
- 4. Budget Status Reports – YTD May 2014.**

Motion was made by Council Member Irizarry, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez to accept reports #1 - #4 and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon. Nay--none. Absent--none.

#### **ORDINANCES – FIRST READING (No PUBLIC DISCUSSION)**

- 1. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING RESTRICTED PARKING SPACES FOR USE BY HANDICAPPED PERSONS" (ORDINANCE NO. 380-85 AND AMENDMENTS) ADOPTED JULY 2, 1985 ALSO KNOWN AS CHAPTER 255A ET SEQ OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY.**

**Re: Additions/Deletions**

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, and seconded by Council Member Gonzalez to adopt the above Ordinance on first reading and public hearing for second and final passage be set down for the meeting of the Council to be held on July 9, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers, City Hall, and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon. Nay--none. Absent--none.

**2. AN ORDINANCE GRANTING EASEMENT IN AND TO A PORTION OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF HIGH STREET.**

**Re: Construction of ADA ramp – UAW Building**

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, and seconded by Council Member Gonzalez to adopt the above Ordinance on first reading and public hearing for second and final passage be set down for the meeting of the Council to be held on July 9, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers, City Hall, and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon. Nay--none. Absent--none.

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**Re: Truck exclusion – Groom Street from Lawrie Street to Brace Avenue**

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, and seconded by Council Member Irizarry to adopt the above Ordinance on first reading and public hearing for second and final passage be set down for the meeting of the Council to be held on July 9, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers, City Hall, and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon. Nay--none. Absent--none.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**R-305-6/14 Authorizing the 2014-2015 Renewal of certain plenary retail consumption licenses, club licenses and distribution license.**

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Irizarry to adopt the above Resolution.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

The above Resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote:  
 Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon.  
 Nay--none. Absent--none.

**Consent Agenda R-306-6/14 – R-312-6/14**

**R-306-6/14 Authorizing a refund for the denial of a handicapped parking space application to Ana Sanchez, 407 Market Street in the amount of \$100.00.**

**R-307-6/14 Authorizing a refund for the denial of a handicapped parking space application to Jose A. Hernandez-Valdez, 320 Smith Street in the amount of \$100.00.**

**R-308-6/14 Authorizing a refund to Comite Patriotico Cultural Puertoriqueno in the amount of \$500.00 for non-use of the beer and/or wine garden permit on June 6, 2014.**

**R-309-6/14 Authorizing the refund of tax overpayment created by tax appeal on Blk. 38, Lot 1, Paterson St., in the amount of \$19,558.28 to Michael I. Schneck, Trustee for Victory Center LLC.**

**R-310-6/14 Authorizing the refund of tax overpayment created by tax appeal on Blk. 136, Lot 1.01 C0055, 40 Fayette St., in the amount of \$706.41 to Peter Zipp, Esq., attorney for Eduardo Trujillo, Jr.**

**R-311-6/14 Authorizing the refund of tax overpayment created by tax appeal on Blk. 128, Lot 46, 310 State & 316 rear, in the amount of \$842.40 to Peter Zipp, Esq. attorney for Cristina's Ad Service, Inc.**

**R-312-6/14 Authorizing the refund of tax overpayment on Blk. 314, Lot 1, 504 Harrington St., in the amount of \$2,480.25 to Lereta, LLC.**

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez to adopt Resolutions #306-6/14 - #312-6/14.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

The above Resolutions were adopted and carried by the following vote:  
 Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Nanton, Petrick, and Pabon.  
 Nay--none. Absent--none.

**R-313-6/14 Accepting the bid and awarding a two year contract for on-site inspection-elevator subcode to Municipal Inspections Corp. for 49% of DCA fees.**

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Nanton to adopt the above Resolution.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

The above Resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon. Nay--none. Absent--none.

**R-314-6/14 Authorizing a contract with Verita, LLC for workplace review services in an amount not to exceed \$9,000.00.**

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Nanton to adopt the above Resolution.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

The above Resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon. Nay--none. Absent--none.

**R-315-6/14 Authorizing change order no. 1 to the contract with Dell for additional software and accessories in an amount not to exceed \$10,909.80.**

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez to adopt the above Resolution.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

The above Resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon. Nay--none. Absent--none.

**R-316-6/14 Accepting a gift from the Eddie & Brenda Trujillo Family Foundation, Inc. for a baseball scoreboard to be installed at the Roberto Clemente Baseball Field at Rudyk Park.**

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Nanton to adopt the above Resolution.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.



The above Resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon. Nay--none. Abstain--Council Member Irizarry. Absent--none.

**R-317-6/14 VOID**

**R-318-6/14 Authorizing the submission of an application to the NJDOT for the Safe Routes to School Grant.**

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Nanton to adopt the above Resolution.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

The above Resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon. Nay--none. Absent--none.

**R-319-6/14 Authorizing the submission of an application to the NJDOT for the Transportation Alternatives Program Grant.**

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Nanton to adopt the above Resolution.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

The above Resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon. Nay--none. Absent--none.

**R-320-6/14 Authorizing Stipulation of Settlement resolving the tax appeal filed by Amboy Investments, LLC for property located at 483 State Street, Blk. 249, Lot 1.**

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Irizarry to adopt the above Resolution.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

The above Resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon. Nay--none. Absent--none.

**R-321-6/14 VOID**

**R-322-6/14 Authorizing the proper City Officials to enter into an installment payment agreement with Jose Vega for unpaid water and sewer on 515 Hartford Street, Blk. 242, Lot 33.**

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez to adopt the above Resolution.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

The above Resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon. Nay--none. Absent--none.

**R-323-6/14 Authorizing the director of operations of the water and sewer utilities to sign the NJDEP permit form for the water main extension approval permit in relation to the ePort project to be submitted by their consultant engineer Menlo Engineering Associates.**

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez to adopt the above Resolution.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

The above Resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon. Nay--none. Absent--none.

**R-324-6/14 Accepting the proposal of and awarding a contract to the Rodgers Group, LLC for accreditation/recertification in an amount not to exceed \$39,000.00.**

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Nanton to **TABLE** the above Resolution.

Greg Fehrenbach: You will be slowing down the process if you do not adopt this resolution this evening. The department is looking to pursue this.

The above Resolution was **TABLED** by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon. Nay--none. Absent--none.

**R-325-6/14 Authorizing change order no. 3 to the contract with Insituform Technologies, LLC for the sewer rehabilitation project regarding the following locations: Commerce Street, Broad Street, Brace Avenue and First Street in a net decrease amount not to exceed \$13,000.00.**

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez to adopt the above Resolution.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

The above Resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon. Nay--none. Absent--none.

**R-326-6/14 Authorizing a contract with CDM Smith for the evaluation of work performed by Insituform Technologies in connection with the sewer rehabilitation project regarding the following location: Fayette Street in an amount not to exceed \$13,000.00.**

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Nanton to adopt the above Resolution.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

The above Resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon. Nay--none. Absent--none.

**R-327-6/14 Sustaining charges against A.T. Towing and suspending it from the rotational towing list for thirty (30) calendar day from May 22, 2014.**

Motion was made by Council Member Nanton, seconded by Council Member Irizarry to adopt the above Resolution.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

The above Resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Irizarry, Nanton, and Pabon. Nay--none. Abstain--Council Members Gonzalez and Petrick. Absent--none.

**R-328-6/14 Authorizing execution of a Hold Harmless Agreement with Harbortown to locate a summer lunch program.**

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez to adopt the above Resolution.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

The above Resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon. Nay--none. Absent--none.

### **LATE STARTER – RESOLUTIONS**

**R-329-6/14 Authorizing a side-bar agreement regarding uniform allowance between City of Perth Amboy and PBA Local 13.**

Greg Fehrenbach: Please hold this resolution and take no action on it tonight.

**R-330-6/14 Authorizing construction change order directive no. 1 in the amount of \$982.50, decreasing the contract of Catel, Inc. and increasing the contract with Fraytak, Veisz, Hopkins, Duthie, P.C., architects for library rehabilitation.**

Greg Fehrenbach: Shop drawings had to be drawn up and reviewed. This is reimbursing FVHD.

Motion was made by Council Member Gonzalez, seconded by Council Member Petrick to place the above Resolution on the agenda as a late starter for consideration.

The above Resolution was placed on the agenda as a late starter by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon. Nay--none. Absent--none.

Motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Gonzalez to adopt the above Resolution.

Council President asked for comments. There were none.

The above Resolution was adopted and carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry Nanton, Petrick and Pabon. Nay--none. Abstain--none. Absent--none.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

1. **Chief Benjamin Ruiz** advising that **Officers Danny Gonzalez and Franklin Hernandez** who are members of the **US Army National Guard** are being deployed on **June 16, 2014** to participate in **Operation Enduring Freedom**. (6/6/14)

Council Member Gonzalez to Council President Pabon: Letters should be sent to both people thanking them for their service.

Council President Pabon: That is a good idea.

Greg Fehrenbach: They will be deployed for about one year. This will incur overtime. We will have to pay them their salaries while they are deployed.

2. **Sadat Associates, Inc.** advising that **remedial activities** will be conducted at the **Englert, Inc.** property located at **1200 Amboy Avenue**, for **excavation and disposal of soils impacted by petroleum hydrocarbons** at an appropriate disposal facility. (6/9/14)
3. **Copy of the NJDEP Receptor Evaluation (Re) Form** for the **Hess Station #30262** located at **413-429 Smith Street**. (6/10/14)
4. **Menlo Engineering Associates** submitted a copy of the **NJDEP Treatment Works Approval Application** for **ePort 440 (formerly iPort 440)** located in **Block 425, Lot 1.02; Block 426, Lot 3.04; Block 428, Lot 1.01, 1.02, 1.03 & 1.05**. (6/11/2014)
5. **Thomas P. Ward, Chairman Zoning Board of Adjustment**, advising that without a **Map of Historic Sites and Areas**, the **Board of Adjustment** has no legal justification to challenge any applicants or their proposal or permits. (6/16/14)
6. **NJDEP** advising that it is issuing an **Emergency Permit Authorization** to **Kinder Morgan Liquids Terminals, LLC** to make repairs to a portion of the retaining wall and reinforce the adjacent shore line located in **Block 354, Lot 1.01**. (6/16/14)

7. **NJDEP submitted a copy of the Soil Remedial Action Permit issued for the Nextrom Inc., a/k/a Syncro Machine Company site located at 611 Sayre Avenue. (6/16/14)**
8. **Kinder Morgan Liquid Terminals, LLC advising an application has been submitted to the NJDEP, Land Use Regulation Program for an Upland Waterfront Development Permit and Transition Area Waiver for erosion control measures at 920 High Street. (6/16/14)**
9. **Anchor Consultants, LLC advising that an application will be submitted to the NJDEP for a Waterfront Development Permit for the installation of a new Dock House within the footprint of the Hose Tower at Dock A located at the Kinder Morgan Terminal at 920 High Street. (6/18/14)**
10. **NJDEP advising that as part of the Governor's continuing effort to protect and restore ecologically important Barnegat Bay, the Department, with assistance from local law enforcement, is resuming intensive education and compliance sweeps to promote greener and safer boating practices on the bay. (6/18/14)**
11. **Mayor Wilda Diaz appointing City Administrator Gregory C. Fehrenbach as Acting Mayor from June 19, 2014 to June 24, 2014. (6/19/14)**

**PUBLIC PORTION  
(5 MINUTES MAXIMUM PER SPEAKER)**

Virginia Lugo, 316 State St.: The BID Budget was approved in May. There was a cut of \$10,000 in salary for a city employee that is outsourced to the BID. The Administration contacted the Board of Directors and meetings were called and the budget cut was restored. The Administration exerts an abuse of power over the BID. BID funds should not be used to subsidize the City's budget. I urge the City to balance its own budget and not use BID funds and look at the funds of all the committees. The BID bylaws are in the process of being revised. There will be a meeting in September to elect officers to the BID board. This is the first time that business will be able to choose candidates and vote for them.

David Caba, 139 Lewis St.: The Mayor in Jersey City removed the Police Chief from office today. Perth Amboy's Police Chief should not be getting involved in politics. That is robbing from the taxpayers.

Stan Sierakowski, 659 Charles St.: The feds are investigating the property purchased by the County from Barry Rosengarten. Barry has underpaid his taxes to the City over many years. I reported the sexual activities of the Perth Amboy Police Chief to the County Prosecutor one year ago. I was stonewalled at the time. I will be going with my documents to the newly appointed prosecutor.

Adele Tawfik, 321 Colfax St.: I would like the Law Director to review Ordinances 425-12 and 425-17 and re-write them. The question is the power of the Police Chief in suspending a tower.

Alan Silber, 244 Rector St.: 34 of the police chaplains don't even live in Perth Amboy. 2 live in Pennsylvania and 1 is from Staten Island. They are getting police chaplain badges. They need to be ordained clergy members. 42 members have no position in their religious facility except the title of "chaplain" that we gave them. They are lay people. There is something wrong with appointing 90 chaplains. Is this a political thing? How does a person become ordained?

Council Member Irizarry: Getting ordained is a lengthy process of preparation through a church. It involves seminary or preparation to get ordained by a particular church. The person is given credentials by that church. Lately, people are getting ordained through the mail. The chaplains in Perth Amboy have gone through a series of classes. These chaplains are of different faiths. The response to the question of "why we have 90 chaplains?", is that these out of state chaplains can provide guidance to the police officers' families who live out of town or out of state, if necessary.

Mayor Wilda Diaz: To become a chaplain an individual has to go through a lot of training. The chaplains help feed our community. It is easy to criticize. They care about our police and fire departments. These chaplains help our youth. We are blessed to have these people for everything we have. I want to thank Greg Fehrenbach for all he has done for the City and for all of his hard work. I welcome Jillian to the City.

#### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council Member Irizarry: I thank Mr. Fehrenbach for his integrity and intelligence. I thank him for his patience with me and for all he has done for this City. I welcome Ms. Barrick.

Council Member Gonzalez: This city would not be at the level of fiscal stability today if Greg Fehrenbach was not hired. It's thanks to his efforts that we are stable today. I wish him the best. I look forward to working with Ms. Barrick and thank her for her moving into the city.

Council Member Petrick: I appreciate everything Greg has done for the City. I appreciate all the guidance. We look forward to working with Jillian.

Council Member Nanton: Greg was like our security blanket. He had the answer to everything. I'm glad he brought us back from where we were. A big welcome to Jillian.

Council President Pabon: Even though he didn't live here, I saw Greg here on many occasions. He was worth every single penny. I wish him the best of luck. I welcome Jillian and wish her good luck.

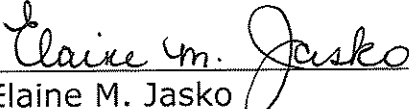
Mark Blunda: We've worked together for 6 years. Greg worked 7 days per week. He is the hardest working, most honest official I have worked with in 38 years. He will be greatly missed.


Greg Fehrenbach: You are lucky to have Jillian Barrick coming in. She has many skills that I don't have. This is the best thing to take place. I have 150% faith in Jillian. I thank the Mayor for taking a chance on appointing me. I thank the Council. This has been hard work. It's the hardest of my career. Many significant results took place over the past 6 years--bond ratings; tax levy stabilization/reduction; administrative staff and department heads and directors were helpful. I also thank the employees. I thank the residents and taxpayers and understand their discomfort. I commend the Mayor for bringing Mark Blunda on board as the City Attorney. He is the best thing going. There is no benefit to criticize for the sake of criticizing. Mayor Diaz never once sought to benefit herself or her family. She weighs the pros and cons of issues. The city's fiscal condition is still fragile. We still have a lot of debt. I will continue to close out some unfinished business. Thank you for allowing me to be here.



**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, motion was made by Council Member Petrick, seconded by Council Member Nanton to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm, and was carried by the following vote: Yea--Council Members Gonzalez, Irizarry, Nanton, Petrick and Pabon. Nay--none. Absent--none.

  
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Elaine M. Jasko  
City Clerk

  
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Joel Pabon, Sr.  
Council President

